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In the absence of Mr. Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), Mr. Shava (Zimbabwe), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Agenda item 4: Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments
(*continued*) (E/2016/1/Add.1)

Elections postponed from the previous meeting

Statistical Commission (E/2016/9)

1. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the seats which remained to be filled on the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and to elect two members from Asia-Pacific States. As the number of candidates exceeded the number of vacancies, he invited the Council to elect the two members by secret ballot.

2. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Miró Weeden (Panama) and Mr. Konrád (Czech Republic) acted as tellers.*

3. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of valid ballots:	53
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
China	30
Japan	27
Kazakhstan	26
Turkmenistan	21

4. *Having obtained the required majority, China and Japan were elected to the Statistical Commission.*

Commission for Social Development (E/2016/9)

5. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the seats which remained to be filled on the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-sixth session in 2017 and expiring at the close of its fifty-ninth session in 2021 and to elect two members from Latin American and Caribbean States.

6. **Ms. Herity** (Secretary of the Council) said that Haiti and Panama had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

7. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

8. *Haiti and Panama were elected members of the Commission for Social Development by acclamation.*

9. **The President** said that in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission for Social Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from Asia-Pacific States, two members from Eastern European States and three members from Western European and other States for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-sixth session in 2017 and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session in 2021.

10. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme (E/2016/9/Add.10)

11. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the seat which remained to be filled on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2019 and to elect one member from a State included in List B. As the number of candidates from List B was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect the candidate by acclamation.

12. *Saudi Arabia was elected a member of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme by acclamation.*

13. **The President** said that in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from a State included in List A and one member from a State included in List D for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2019.

14. *It was so decided.*

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/2016/9/Add.3 and E/2016/9/Add.4)

15. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the seats which remained to be filled on the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2020 and to elect two members from African States.

16. **Ms. Herity** (Secretary of the Council) said that Mr. Balancy (Mauritus) had been endorsed by the Group of African States. The other candidates from African States were Mr. Abdel-Moneim (Egypt), Ms. Liebenberg (South Africa) and Mr. Ould Lagdaf Ould Boya (Mauritania).

17. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates nominated by their Governments exceeded the number of vacancies, he invited the Council to elect the two members by secret ballot.

18. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Solari (Peru) and Mr. Nguyen Duy Thanh (Viet Nam) acted as tellers.*

19. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Abdel-Moneim (Egypt)	40
Ms. Liebenberg (South Africa)	34
Mr. Balancy (Mauritius)	23
Mr. Ould Lagdaf Ould Boya (Mauritania)	8

20. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Abdel-Moneim (Egypt) and Ms. Liebenberg (South Africa) were elected to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.*

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (E/2016/9/Add.5 and E/2016/9/Add.6)

21. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the seat which remained to be filled on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and to elect one member from an Eastern European State for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017. As the number of candidates nominated by their Governments exceeded the number of vacancies, he invited the Council to elect the member by secret ballot.

22. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Cerrato (Honduras) and Mr. Motoyasu Yamada (Japan) acted as tellers.*

23. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. **Mukabenova** (Russian Federation)	30
Mr. **Loode** (Estonia)	24

24. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Mukabenova (Russian Federation) was elected to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (E/2016/9/Add.9)

25. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the seats which remained to be filled on the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and to elect three members from Latin American and Caribbean States. As the number of candidates exceeded the number of vacancies, he invited the Council to elect the three members by secret ballot.

26. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Zhang Zhe (China) and Mr. Muzuwa (Zimbabwe) acted as tellers.*

27. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Trinidad and Tobago	44
Brazil	41
El Salvador	40
Guatemala	37

28. *Having obtained the required majority, Trinidad and Tobago, Brazil and El Salvador were elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.*

The meeting rose at noon.